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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-6453, published January 13, 1998, with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-100408, published April 7, 2001, with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 3-291848, published December 1991, with English Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

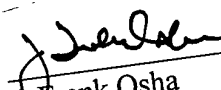
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